

*Amendments to the Claims*

1. (Currently Amended) A system for training one or more students over a ~~network~~ communication connection, comprising:

~~tutorial processing means for sending at least one media production lesson to at least one client apparatus, wherein said client apparatus comprises at least one display and input means configured to interactively communicate with at least one student, wherein said media production lesson pertains to producing live or on-demand broadcasting;~~

~~media production processing means for controlling and communicating with one or more media production devices in response to a signal from said tutorial processing means or said client apparatus; and~~

~~an automation control system for executing a sequence of commands to control a plurality of production devices to thereby produce a show or a show segment;~~

~~tutorial processing means for providing a lesson to a client, wherein at least one of said tutorial processing means and said client includes means for transmitting a command to initiate execution of said sequence of commands;~~

~~network communications means for supporting bidirectional communication communications between said tutorial processing means and said~~

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~~display and input means~~ among said automation control system, said tutorial processing means, and said client.

2. (Currently Amended) A system of claim 1, wherein said tutorial processing means further comprises:

interrogation means for sending a lesson quiz or a lesson test to ~~said student~~ said client, wherein said client includes an input interface for permitting a student to interact with said lesson quiz or said lesson test;

evaluation means for determining the performance of said student on said lesson quiz or said lesson test; and

guidance means for sending a study guide to ~~said student~~ said client based on said performance on said lesson quiz or said lesson test.

3. (Currently Amended) A system of claim 1, wherein said ~~network~~ communications means further comprises means for supporting said bidirectional ~~communications~~ communication over the ~~global-based~~ Internet.

4. (Currently Amended) A method for training one or more students over a ~~network~~ connection, comprising the steps of:

sending ~~at least one media production~~ a lesson from a tutorial processing means over the ~~network~~ connection to ~~at least one student, wherein said lesson pertains to producing live or on-demand broadcasting, a client associated with a student,~~ wherein ~~said one lesson~~ said lesson includes an

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assignment to prepare pre-production instructions to operate ~~at least one media production device in communications with a media production processing means~~  
at least one of a plurality of production devices to produce a show or a show segment;

receiving data, from said student, in said tutorial processing means  
in response to said lesson;

processing said data according to programmed instructions; and  
sending feedback to said student.

31 5. (Currently Amended) A method of claim 4, wherein said assignment includes directions to prepare a production script and define a ~~set of media production commands that correspond to said script and~~ sequence of production commands that, when executed, sends ~~a control command~~ control commands to automatically operate said ~~at least one production device~~ at least one of a plurality of production devices to produce ~~a show or a show segment~~ said show or said show segment.

6. (Currently Amended) A method of claim 5, wherein said ~~set of media production commands include~~ sequence includes instructions to transmit multimedia segments, assign transition effects, send text to a teleprompting means, or control camera shots.

7. (Currently Amended) A method of claim 4, wherein said ~~one or more media production lessons~~ lesson comprises text, video graphics and animation ~~related to a media production topic~~.

8. (Original) A method of claim 4, wherein said processing step further comprises the step of sending a study guide based on said data to said student.

9. (Original) A method of claim 4, further comprising the step of sending at least one lesson quiz or lesson test to said student.

31 10. (Original) A method of claim 9, wherein said processing step further comprises the step of determining the performance of said student on said lesson quiz or said lesson test.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of claim 10, wherein said processing step further comprises the step of sending a study guide based on said performance on said lesson quiz or said lesson test.

12. (Currently Amended) A method of claim 4, wherein said ~~network~~ connection comprises the ~~global-based~~ Internet.

13. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) A method for ~~managing~~  
~~educational sessions at one or more learning centers in a production environment~~  
producing video or multimedia content for remote educational sessions from a  
production environment to one or more clients, comprising the steps of:

(a) distributing a ~~production~~ lesson to ~~at least one learning~~  
~~center, said production lesson pertaining to live or on-demand broadcasting at~~  
least one client;

(b) enabling preparation of a sequence of production  
commands to control a plurality of production devices to thereby create a show or  
a show segment ~~in response to executing said production lesson~~ representative of  
an educational session corresponding to said lesson; and

B1 (c) authorizing execution of said sequence of production  
commands to create said show or said show segment.

14. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 13, wherein step (c)  
comprises the step of:

evaluating said sequence, wherein said authorizing occurs in  
response to a favorable evaluation.

15. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 14, wherein step (c) further  
comprises the step of:

presenting an evaluation report to enable a user to correct or refine  
said sequence prior to said authorizing.

16. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) A method for interactive training, comprising the steps of:

- (a) accessing a lesson ~~pertaining to a media production curriculum for live or on-demand broadcasting~~;
- (b) providing instructions to prepare a sequence of commands to control a plurality of production devices to thereby create a show or a show segment ~~in response to accessing said lesson~~ representative of an educational session corresponding to said lesson; and
- (c) executing said sequence to create said show or said show segment.

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17. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 16, wherein step (a) comprises the step of:

accessing said lesson or a part of said lesson from a local storage medium.

18. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 16, wherein step (a) comprises the step of:

accessing said lesson through a wireless interface with a remote medium.

19. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 16, further comprising the step of:

(d) including commands in said sequence to allow distribution of said show or said show segment over the Internet.

20. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, further comprising the ~~steps~~ step of:

(d) including commands in said sequence to allow distribution of said show or said show segment to one or more destinations.

21. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) A method for managing training sessions, comprising the steps of:

Bl (a) authorizing a user to access a ~~production~~ lesson during a training session;

(b) distributing said ~~production~~ lesson to a device in ~~communication~~ associated with said user;

(c) enabling preparation of a sequence of commands to control a plurality of production devices to thereby create a show or a show segment in response to accessing said ~~production~~ lesson, said show or said show segment being representative of an educational session corresponding to said lesson, said production devices including at least one of a video switcher, digital video effects device, teleprompting system, and studio lighting; and

(d) authorizing execution of said sequence to create said show or show segment.

22. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 21, wherein step (a) comprises the step of:

verifying payment for said training session.

23. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 21, wherein step (a) comprises the step of:

accepting electronic payment for said training session.

24. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein step (a) comprises the step of:

evaluating user performance on past ~~production~~ lessons, wherein said authorizing occurs in response to a favorable evaluation.

25. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein step (a) comprises the step of:

authorizing access in response to determining said user is approved to access said ~~production~~ lesson.

26. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein step (a) comprises the step of:

tracking or marking the placement of said user within a plurality of ~~production~~ lessons.



27. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 21, wherein step (a) comprises the step of:

authenticating user identity to implement said authorizing.

28. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) A method for providing ~~production~~ training, comprising the steps of:

(a) distributing a ~~production~~ lesson to a device in ~~communication~~ associated with a user;

(b) enabling preparation of a sequence of commands to control a plurality of production devices to thereby create a show or a show segment in ~~response to executing said production lesson~~ representative of an educational session corresponding to said lesson;

(c) authorizing execution of said sequence to create said show or said show segment; and

(d) allowing access to a messaging center during a ~~production~~ training session.

29. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28, wherein step (d) comprises the step of:

sending an announcement to one or more users.

30. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28, wherein step (d) comprises the step of:

alerting said user to access said messaging center or read a message designated for said user.

31. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28, wherein step (d) comprises the step of:

posting a message from said user for access by one or more other users.

32. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28, wherein step (d) comprises the step of:

31 authenticating user identity to enable said user to read or post a message.

33. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) A production training system, comprising:

an instructor interface for enabling lesson planning ~~pertaining to media production;~~

a ~~learning station~~ client for accessing one or more lessons ~~pertaining to a media production curriculum;~~

a curriculum controller for distributing one or more lessons, wherein one of said one or more lessons includes student instructions for preparing a sequence of commands to control a plurality of production devices to thereby create a production ~~in response to accessing said lesson~~, wherein said

production devices include at least one of a video switcher, digital video effects device, teleprompting system, and studio lighting; and

an automation control system for executing said sequence to create said production.

34. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 33, further comprising:  
communicator disposed at said ~~learning station~~ client, wherein said communicator enables voice or video transmissions to a second ~~learning station~~ client or said instructor interface.

31 35. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 33, wherein said instructor interface includes means for blocking user access to said one or more lessons or to a portion of said one or more lessons.

36. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) A production training system, comprising:

a ~~learning station~~ client for accessing one or more lessons  
~~pertaining to a media production curriculum;~~

a matriculation controller for registering a user for accessing one or more lessons, wherein one of said one or more lessons includes student instructions for preparing a sequence of commands to control a plurality of production devices to thereby create a production ~~in response to accessing said lesson;~~ and

an automation control system for executing said sequence to create said production.

37. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 36, wherein said matriculation controller includes security means for governing access to said one or more lessons.

38. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 36, wherein said matriculation controller includes payment means for accepting or verifying payment for accessing said one or more lessons.

31 39. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 36, wherein said matriculation controller includes collection means for invoicing a user for accessing said one or more lessons.

40. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) A production training system, comprising:

an instructor interface for enabling lesson planning ~~pertaining to media production;~~

a curriculum controller for distributing one or more lessons, wherein one of said one or more lessons includes instructions for preparing a sequence of commands to control a plurality of production devices to thereby

create a show or show segment in response to executing said lesson, ~~wherein said lessons pertains to live or on-demand broadcasting;~~ and  
an automation control system for executing said sequence to create said show or said show segment.

41. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) A production training system, comprising:

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a curriculum controller for distributing one or more lessons ~~pertaining to media production,~~ wherein one of said one or more lessons includes instructions for preparing a sequence of commands to control a plurality of production devices to thereby create a show or show segment in response to executing said lesson, ~~wherein said lessons pertains to live or on-demand broadcasting;~~ and

an automation control system for executing said sequence to create said show or said show segment.

42. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) A production training system, comprising:

a ~~learning station~~ client for accessing one or more lessons ~~pertaining to a media production curriculum;~~

a curriculum controller for distributing one or more lessons, wherein one of said one or more lessons includes instructions for preparing a sequence of commands to control a plurality of production devices to thereby

create a production in response to accessing said lesson, wherein said production devices include at least one of a video switcher, digital video effects device, teleprompting system, and studio lighting; and  
an automation control system for executing said sequence to create said production.

43. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) A production training system, comprising:

B1 a plurality of training groups, wherein each training group includes a plurality of ~~learning stations~~ clients for accessing one or more lessons ~~pertaining to a media production curriculum for producing live or on-demand broadcast,~~ wherein each training group is in communications with an instructor interface for enabling lesson planning ~~pertaining to said media production curriculum;~~

curriculum controller for distributing one or more lessons, wherein one of said one or more lessons includes instructions for preparing a sequence of commands to control a plurality of production devices to thereby create a show or a show segment in response to accessing a lesson; and

automation control system for executing said sequence to create said show or said show segment.

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